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This report contains the results from the **2011 October Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Rice Forecasted Yield Falls from September Forecast**  
**Corn, Hay, and Soybean Production Up from Previous Forecast**  
**Sorghum and Cotton Production Down from Last Month's Forecast**

Arkansas **corn** planted area is 560,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from June 2011 and up 170,000 acres from last year. Corn for grain production in Arkansas is forecast at 72.4 million bushels, up 27 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the second largest corn crop in Arkansas history, behind 2007's record high production of 99.7 million bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 142 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last month's forecast and down 8 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 510,000 acres of corn for grain, up 6 percent from last month and up 34 percent from 2010. Arkansas **all cotton** production is forecast at 1.37 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 16 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 996 pounds per harvested acre, down 22 pounds from last month's forecast, and down 49 pounds from 2010. Harvested area is estimated at 660,000 acres, up 22 percent from 2010. Arkansas **all hay** production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.24 million tons, down 16 percent from 2010. Based on conditions as of October 1, 2011, yield is expected to average 1.5 tons per acre, up 0.1 tons from the August 1 forecast but down 0.3 tons from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.49 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 1 percent from 2010. The 2011 total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 78.5 million hundredweight (cwt), down 3 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 32 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2011 is forecast at 6,800 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the September 1 forecast but up 320 pounds from last year's yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of rice, down 35 percent from 2010. Arkansas **sorghum** planted area is 100,000 acres, unchanged from June 2011 but up 60,000 acres from 2010. Sorghum for grain production in 2011 is forecast at 6.29 million bushels, down 21 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 133 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 74 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from the September 1 forecast and down 3 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain, at 85,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from June 2011 but up 50,000 acres from 2010. Arkansas **soybean** planted area is estimated at 3.33 million acres, up 80,000 acres from June 2011 and up 140,000 acres from 2010. Soybean production for Arkansas in 2011 is forecast at 120 million bushels, up 9 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 37 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast but up 2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.25 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2010.

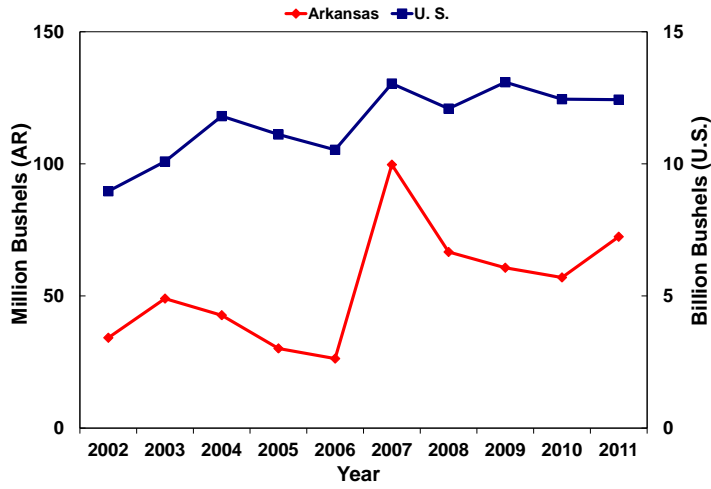
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production: Arkansas and U.S., 2010 and Forecasted October 1, 2011**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	380	510	150	142	57,000	72,420
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	540	660	1,045	996	1,176	1,370
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,470	1,490	1.80	1.50	2,646	2,235
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,785	1,155	6,480	6,800	115,675	78,540
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	35	85	77	74	2,695	6,290
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,150	3,250	35	37	110,250	120,250
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	10,698.7	9,849.5	812	809	18,104.1	16,608.2
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	3,615	2,624	6,725	7,123	243,104	186,903
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	4,808	4,432	71.8	55.0	345,395	243,800
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	76,610	73,676	43.5	41.5	3,329,181	3,059,987

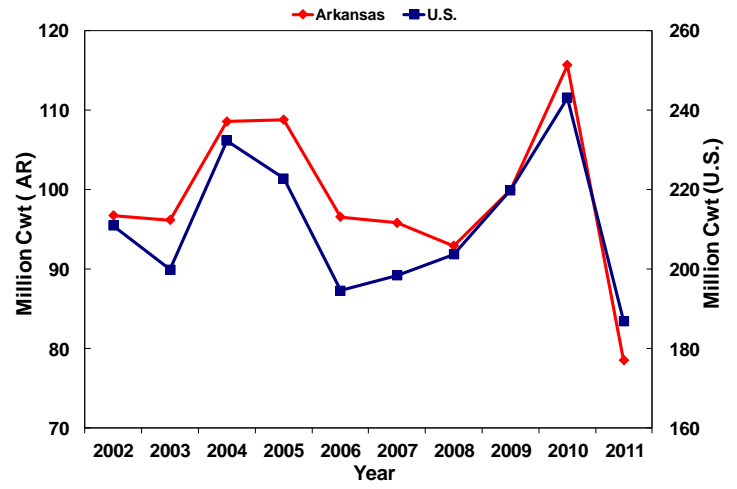
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480-pound bales.

<sup>2</sup> Rice yield is reported in pounds and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

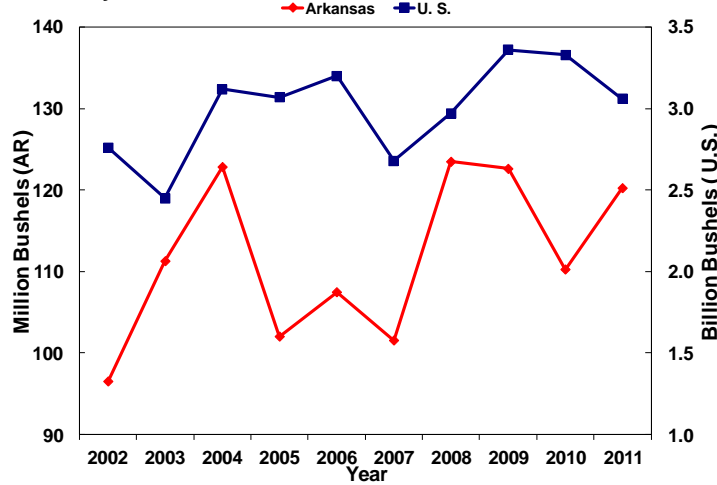
**Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



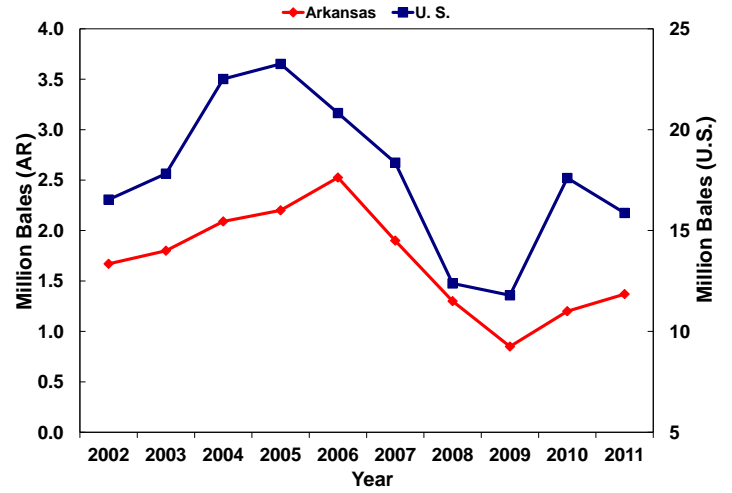
**Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



**Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



**Upland Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2011 as of October 1, 2011.